



Muddy Mountain Herd Management Area Clark County, Nevada



Location/Habitat

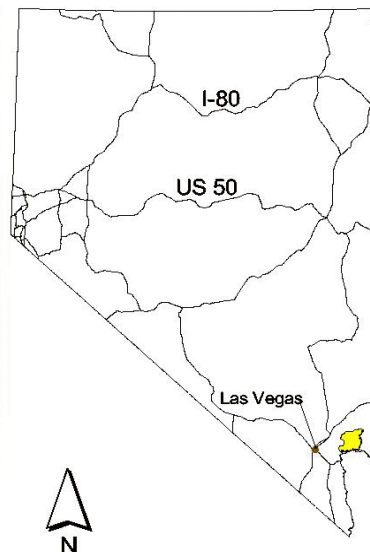
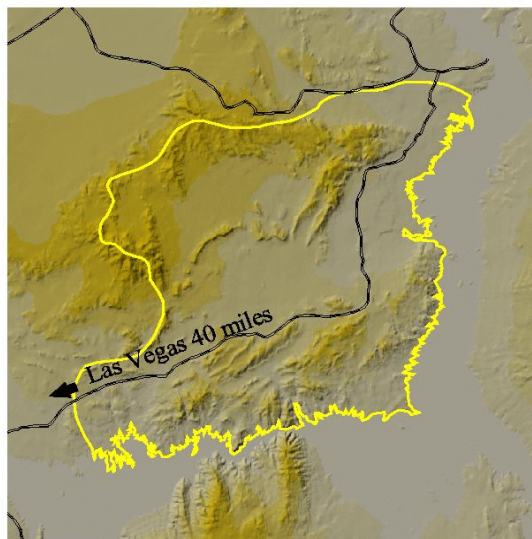
The Muddy Mountain Herd Management Area (HMA) is located in southern Nevada, approximately 40 miles east of Las Vegas in Clark county. The Bureau of Land Management, Las Vegas District, and U.S. Park Service have joint administrative responsibilities for wild burro management within these public lands. The HMA consists of a total of 140,699 acres, with 61,226 acres managed by the BLM and 79,473 acres managed by the NPS.

The primary use area within the HMA, is characterized as Mohave desert surrounded by low, rocky desert mountains. This HMA has Lake Mead for approximately half of its boundary. During the hot months of the year the burros occupy broken areas characterized by ravines which supply shade. During the cooler season burros move away from the lake and utilize all area's within the HMA.

Permanent water sources consist of springs and Lake Mead. The animals can travel up to ten miles from food to water and back during the drier part of the year. Burro's drink at least once each day during the hotter part of the year, but can survive by drinking every second day during the winter and early spring.

Vegetation

Vegetation in the HMA is typical Mojave desert shrub; low growing and able to survive long periods of drought. The vegetation consists of salt-tolerant plants such as saltbush, greasewood and rabbitbrush, with grasses such as galleta grass.



Herd Description

The estimated Appropriate Management Level (AML) is 50 burros. The NPS manages for an AML of zero; however, they do allow incidental use by the burros in the HMA area managed by both agencies.